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Oil Refinery Will be Built at Edmonton Next Spring; Site Already Selected

Alberta Oil Refineries To Get Part of Grierson Estate For Site.

The Alberta Oil Refineries, Ltd., which has been carrying on negotiations with the city for the past two months, announced that they have completed arrangements to construct a plant on a site which was formerly a part of the Grierson estate. A 40 acre tract of land has been secured and, according to present arrangements, construction of the plant will be started early in the spring. It is expected that the refinery will be in operation by midsummer at the latest.

500 Barrels Daily

The company, which is incorporated under the Dominion charter at a capitalization of \$165,000, has already contracted for a supply of crude oil. The plant, when completed will have a capacity of approximately 500 barrels of crude oil per day, according to the promoters.

The directors of the company are John I. Mercier, president; F. A. McCord, secretary-treasurer, and John P. Giefer, all of Edmonton. The charter permits the company to manufacture all kinds of oils, including gasoline, coal oil, tar, soap, tallow, asphalt, roofing and paving, and other materials.

Mr. Mercier, who is the promoter of the refinery company, states that it is the intention to start in a small way and to increase the size of the plant according to the demand of the product. It is the opinion of Mr. Mercier that within five years the plant will be the largest in operation in the country.

The arrangements with the city consist of an agreement for a part of the Grierson estate for a two year lease at \$10,000, with the proviso that with the termination of the lease and the erection of an oil refinery plant to cost at least \$75,000, the city will give the company the transfer of the lands.

Southern Alberta to Have 550-Bbl. Refinery Plant

Sweetgrass and Coutts, the "twin cities" of the Montana-Canadian border, are to have a refinery.

It is a Canadian company and will operate a few feet from the border, ducking the two-cent tax penalty which Montana imposes on the oil refining industry. It is capitalized at \$50,000 and directors are L. R. Olsen, president; John Mars, first vice-president; George H. Roberts, secretary, and William Thresher, treasurer. Olsen built and operated the Kevin Refinery at Kevin, selling out to the Montana Giant.

A similar plant is now planned, with two stills with a capacity of 250 barrels a day. He expects to get Kevin-Sunburst oil from the pipe line at Coutts, a few feet away from the refinery.

THE MAN WHO HAS WON

I want to walk by the side of the man
Who has suffered and seen and knows,
Who has measured his pace on the battle line
And given and taken blows.
Who has never whined when the scheme went wrong
Nor scoffed at the failing plan—
But taken his dose with a heart of trust
And the faith of a gentleman;
Who has parried and struck and sought and given
And scarred with a thousand spears—
Can lift his head to the stars of heaven
And isn't ashamed of his tears,
I want to grasp the hand of the man
Who has been through it all and seen,
Who has walked with the night of an unseen dread
And stuck to the world-machine;
Who has bared his breast to the winds of dawn
And thirsted and starved and felt
The sting and the bite of the bitter blasts
That the mouths of the foul have dealt;
Who has tempted and fell, and rose again,
And has gone on trusty and true,
With God supreme in his manly heart
And his courage burning anew.
I'd give my all—be it little or great—
To walk by his side today.
To stand up there with the man who has known
The bite of the burning fray,
Who has gritted his teeth and clinched his fist,
And gone on doing his best,
Because of the love of his fellowman
And the faith in his manly breast.
I would love to walk with him, hand in hand,
Together journey along.
For the man who has fought and struggled and won
Is the man who can make men strong.

Airship Base in Alberta An Empire Need Declares Noted British Air Expert

Only Place Valuable "Bubbles" Can Be Found In British Empire—Airship Expert Talks in London

London, Jan. 22.—Lecturing before the Colonial Institute last night Commander F. L. M. Boothby, the well-known airship expert and commander at different times of naval airships and airship stations, said there were indications that a beginning would shortly be made with an airship service between Great Britain and Australia which could be developed in stages possibly by way of Egypt, Delhi and Singapore, to Port Darwin. The establishment of a bi-weekly service to Australia would require capital of \$30,000,000.

Points To Alberta

Commander Boothby pointed to the fact that the only known helium gas supply in the empire was located in Alberta. Professor McLennan of Toronto University, had informed him that ten million cubic feet of helium was bubbling to waste annually and that there might be other supplies in the territory still unexplored. An airship filled with helium was the most formidable weapon in the world, said Commander Boothby, as the gas could not be set afire by any possible means known to science. If Canada erected a big airship base in Alberta she would be in a position to transfer her air power to the Pacific or the Atlantic as required inside of 48 hours. In normal times an airship fleet could be used to develop traffic in a north and south direction where transport facilities are at present inferior.

Looks To Canada

At the moment, said Commander Boothby, there was nothing in the British Empire to compare with the helium filled Shenandoah. "We must look to Canada to redress the balance in the immediate future," he concluded.

United States Sees Shortage of Petroleum

Big Rewards Will Be Offered For Finding Large Fields.

New York, Jan. 9.—The rate of petroleum consumption is increasing more rapidly than the rate of supply, a committee of the mining and metallurgy society of America asserted in a report made public yesterday by Allan H. Rogers, president of the organization.

As a matter of fact, the committee stated, the number of "days' supply" of petroleum has been decreasing since June 1923, and the September figure represented only 199 days' supply, a situation reached or exceeded in 1917, 1919, 1921 and 1922.

It is declared also that "before long the United States will again enter the phase of this cycle which calls for rewards for the discovery of larger and more prolific fields than have ever been found to date, in order to keep pace with the evergrowing consumption."

"Reference to various authorities published estimates of the possibilities of the United States and the rest of the world," the report stated, "will show that there is every reason to believe there exists adequate resources of oil in the world to meet all present and future demands for many years to come."

BIG SLUMP IN CRUDE OIL OUTPUT

Production Drops Over 100,000 in One Week

According to the weekly summary of the American Petroleum Institute, the daily gross average of crude production of the United States decreased 115,250 bbls., for the week ending December 1st, totaling 2,830,000 bbls., with the Powell field of Texas accounting substantially for all of the falling off in output. Wyoming and Montana jointly show a daily average production of 148,600 bbls., a decrease of 6,600 bbls.

The daily average production east of the Rocky Mountains was 1,338,650 bbls., a decrease of 103,300 bbls. California production was 746,550 bbls., a decrease of 11,950. Oklahoma shows a daily average production of 389,200 bbls., a decrease of 900. Kansas 70,950; increase 350; North Texas 57,100, increase 800; Central Texas 276,050, decrease 98,050; North Louisiana 461,150, decrease 1650. Arkansas 124,000, increase 850; Gulf States 94,700, increase 40; Eastern 109,500, increase 1,500.

Consumption of Gasoline More Than Doubled in Canada in Past Five Years

Calgary, Jan. 5.—Consumption in Canada has more than doubled in the last five years, according to figures just made available.

In the calendar year 1922, the production amounted to 143,959,839 imperial gallons valued at \$34,428,189 to which is to be added imports of 28,645,479 gallons. Deducting exports of 1,976,244 gallons, gives the total consumption for the year as 170,629,128 gallons. This compares with 75,206,521 gallons in 1918, an increase of 127 per cent in the five year period.

On the other hand during the same period the consumption of kerosene until 1922 has scarcely held its own, standing at 68,563,512 gallons in 1918 compared with 68,096,012 gallons in 1921 and 78,722,847 in 1922. A slight increase is shown in the case of lubricating oils. Of these in 1918 there was used 19,702,162 gallons whereas in 1922 the figure stood at 24,295,057 gallons.

The following table shows the consumption in Canada of gasoline, kerosene, and lubricating oils. Of these in 1918 there was used 19,702,162 gallons whereas in 1922 the figure stood at 24,295,057 gallons.

The following table shows the consumption in Canada of gasoline, kerosene, and lubricating oils each year from 1918.

Consumption of Gasoline, Kerosene and Lubricating Oil in Canada, 1918-1922.

(In Imperial Gallons)		
Year	Gasoline	Kerosene
1922	170,629,128	78,722,847
1921	139,543,329	68,096,012
1920	94,548,776	67,883,829
1919	90,017,313	59,271,188
1918	75,206,521	68,563,512
Year	Lub. Oil	
1922	24,295,057	
1921	22,385,565	
1920	22,450,692	
1919	21,090,686	
1918	19,702,162	

Gasoline Consumption in Canada in 1922 by Provinces.

(In Imperial Gallons)	
British Columbia and Yukon	11,493,884
Alberta	11,493,884
Saskatchewan	13,496,314
Manitoba	20,378,631
Quebec	14,013,692
Ontario	20,587,176
New Brunswick	80,008,549
Nova Scotia	4,564,744
Prince Edward Island	5,366,048
	719,613

GOOD NEWS FOR THE OIL INDUSTRY

Splendid news is this to the oil industry, especially to the producers, that the average daily production of the United States fell off more than 88,000 barrels for the week ending November 24th, 1923. Apparently the bottom has fallen out of the enormous production of the Powell field in East Central Texas, as this one pool dropped 61,000 barrels in its average daily output last week, and its decline from now on is expected to be rapid.

The best-informed men in the oil industry state that consumption will rapidly overtake the production and price increases are expected shortly after the first of the year. With no area in sight which can bring any new menace in the way of big production, the pendulum is swinging back to normal, and the probabilities are that ere long it will swing the other way and prices soar to the opposite extreme.

Says the Tulsa Oil & Gas Journal: "Oil men are beginning to smile again. The consensus of opinion is that the bottom of the depression caused by the phenomenal production of 1923 has been struck and that the rebound is due."

Reports tell of plans for new wild-cattling campaigns, now that the worst is over, and the only difference of opinion is a matter of days. No one seems to question the return of the prosperous days to the oil industry. It is recognized to be as certain as the sunrise.

Oil is the blood of the earth flowing through fortune's field only to enrich the courageous. It sometimes rewards the non-thinking business slacker, but it never lifts the burden from the back of a business coward. Its marks of success generally go to those who combine some degree of thought with action.

RED ROSE

For particular people—

COFFEE

Has a sparkling clearness and a smooth richness, for all the chaff and dust is removed by our special process.

Solving Canadian Problems

Entering a new year the people of Canada, while rejoicing in their great national heritage, may well give more intensive thought and study to national problems and their solution than ever before. Every young nation has gigantic problems to meet, and by reason of Canada's geographical conditions the difficulties to contend against are immeasurably greater than would otherwise be the case. Nevertheless, Canadians are a virile, progressive people and undaunted in the face of all obstacles.

One problem requiring immediate and continuing attention is the reduction of debt. To debt reduction the Dominion, the Provinces, municipalities and individuals must give consideration. Before there can be debt reduction there must first be a stoppage to further debt increase. The average individual will be well advised if he refrains from going any deeper into debt during 1924 and strives with might and main to reduce present indebtedness as much and as rapidly as possible. Municipalities, the Provinces and the Dominion should all balance their budgets, not by imposing additional taxation, but through the adoption of very necessary economies. Certain capital expenditures will, of course, be necessary, but these should be restricted to revenue producing services and the encouragement of production of new wealth through the development of natural resources.

An example of what can and ought to be done is furnished by the present management of the Canadian National Railways. In 1921 the C.N.R. had an operating profit of only three million dollars which did not go very far towards meeting its interest charges. Last year the C.N.R. increased its operating surplus to \$18,000,000 or more, and while this did not meet interest charges in full, it did materially reduce the deficit to be met by the country at large.

How was it accomplished? By larger earnings through increased traffic and the development of productive services, but also through a very gratifying reduction in operating expenses resulting from good management, the elimination of waste, and sound economies. For example, gross earnings of the C.N.R. last November increased by \$859,573 over November, 1921, but operating expenses were decreased by almost two million dollars, resulting in a net operating surplus of \$1,551,318, an increase of 135 per cent. over the corresponding month of 1921. Sir Henry Thornton anticipates an operating surplus this year, if nothing untoward happens; of \$20,000,000 and he predicts that by the end of 1925 the C.N.R. will cease to be a burden on the Dominion treasury.

Another problem to be tackled by Canadians, individually and collectively, is to make Canada a more self-contained and self-supporting country. To solve not only our transportation problem, but other economic weaknesses, it should be the aim of Canadians to develop our own natural resources to a far greater extent and thereby create a larger internal trade. Alberta, for example, possesses 15 per cent. of the coal of the world, yet Canada annually imports hundreds of millions of dollars worth of coal. Ontario, north of the Great Lakes, has enormous reserves of iron ore, yet imports her requirements from the United States and Newfoundland. Canada's adverse balance of trade with the United States is not made up of manufactured goods, as the people would have us believe, but is made up of raw and semi-manufactured materials which Canada can and should produce for herself, providing employment for countless thousands of people and creating that increased volume of internal traffic upon which the ultimate and permanent success of our railways so largely depends.

Suppose Alberta coal was carried by the railways at actual cost to Ontario, or even at a loss, would not the final result be great gain for the railways? Largely increased production of Alberta coal would lower costs of production at the mines to the benefit of all consumers, would enormously increase employment, add to population, increased carrying of coal would tend to lower railway operating costs, hundreds of millions of dollars poured into Alberta instead of into the United States would bring an era of prosperity and development there which would mean increased business for Ontario and all Canada, and increased traffic for the railways. Ontario would get back every dollar she spent for Alberta coal but which is now lost to the State of Pennsylvania.

A more scientific development of Canada's natural resources and statesmanlike vision in the development of internal trade within Canada would soon attract that larger population the Dominion so badly needs, and without huge expenditures on immigration. Canada is spending money on immigration and on trade commissions abroad to develop our export trade, and this is good business. But it would be equally good, indeed better business, to expend a few millions on developing trade within Canada in our own products, making the resources of one section of the Dominion available in other sections lacking such materials, and overcoming as far as humanly possible the obstacles which result from the geographical formation of Canada.

Making Friends

Blessed is the man who has the gift of making friends; for it is one of God's best gifts. It involves many things, but above all the power of going into a home's own self and seeing and appreciating whatever is noble and loving in another man.

How some people who are so widely different from us can be satisfied with themselves is past all human understanding.

Thoughts

We have reason to be more concerned with our thoughts about others than with their thoughts about us. Outside opinions of us, just or unjust, do not really make us other than we are, but to think uncharitably of those about us will poison our own nature.

Pocket gophers, living near Los Angeles, show no appreciable difference from the fossil gophers which lived in California 200,000 years ago.

Used After Shaving

Keeps Skin Soft and Smooth



Many men suffer from irritation of the skin as a result of shaving. With some it assumes a form of eczema and becomes most annoying and unsightly. By applying a little of Dr. Chase's Ointment after shaving the irritation is overcome and Barber's Itch and Eczema are prevented or relieved.

DR. CHASE'S OINTMENT

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The Nation's Highway.

Motor Car Proves to be a Great Method of Education

I doubt if the people in general realize the great importance of the motor car, or its contribution to human welfare. This motor car has raised the people and has given them a new outlook on life. It is very difficult to conceive any longer a shut-in population. The motor car affords an opportunity to travel about the country, seeing cities and sections that probably would not otherwise have been seen had it not been for the advance of this industry. It is a great method of education. To experience its great fulfillment the motor industry must be provided with good roads. It is necessary also that reasonable rules and regulations be made and care taken that safely to the greatest possible extent may be preserved—Calvin Coolidge.

His Flesh Horribly Burnt

His druggist sold him a cheap Coad corn remedy, instead of giving him good old reliable Putnam's Corn Ejector which has been for fifty years the standard remover of corns and warts. "Putnam's" never fails, it always cures. Use everywhere. Refuse a substitute.

Sodium Sulphate

Prospects Are Bright for Development of Deposits in Saskatchewan

Progress and bright prospects in the development of sodium sulphate in Saskatchewan, is reported by the Bureau of Labor and Industries. Sodium sulphate recovered from Saskatchewan deposits is now being used in the manufacture of glass at Redfield, and its deposits so far have been investigated by the Federal Department of Mines. Other deposits not yet investigated by the department number close to ninety.

IN THE SHADOW OF POOR HEALTH

In This Condition Relief Comes Through Dr. Williams' Pink Pills

"When the shadow of poor health falls upon you, when hope fades and life itself seems scarcely worth living, then is the time you should remember that thousands just as honest as you feel, have been restored to the sunshine of health through the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. The rich red blood which these pills actually make strengthens the whole system. The nerves which the pills invigorate, and once again there is joy in life. Among the thousands benefited by the use of this medicine is Mrs. J. H. Robinson, Oshawa, who says:—"Some time ago I was in a deplorable condition and so weak I would faint away at times. I had no appetite, could not do my housework; in fact life seemed scarcely worth living. I was exceedingly pale and tired, and my medicine with no good result. Then one day I saw Dr. Williams' Pink Pills recommended for a similar condition, and I bought a supply. I continued taking the pills until I had used about a dozen boxes, and they have made me a well woman. I can do a good day's work about the house, have no more fainting spells and can go about more actively than I did before. I believe these pills do the thing for pale, weak girls and women, and if given a fair trial will do for them what they have done for me."

You can get these pills through any medicine dealer or by mail at 50 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

Saskatchewan Crop

The value of Saskatchewan crop for 1923 is placed at \$275,841,650, according to a report issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Of this amount wheat contributed \$189,466,500; oats, \$66,885,600; barley, \$7,620,800; rye, \$4,692,500; and flax, \$9,168,250.

Phenomenal Yield

A late report of record-breaking crop returns comes from the Medicine Hat, Sask., district where Rowlin Bros. sowed eight acres of oats for green feed. They threshed the crop, which yielded 125 bushels to the acre, and weighed 40 lbs. to the bushel.

Condor Largest Flying Bird

The condor, weighing from twenty to twenty-five pounds, is the largest bird that flies.

So live that when you go out joyriding on Sunday your neighbors and acquaintances, as well as your intimate friends, will send flowers.

When a girl is chummy with her mother she can get along pretty well without a chaplain.

A volcanic eruption is caused by the huge masses of steam generated under the volcano.

The man with the narrow mind usually makes up for it in the length of his arguments.

Half a loaf's better than no bread but half the truth is often worse than a whole lie.

Keep Minard's Liniment in the house

W. N. U. 1665

Advise Prudence

Reconstruction on a Large Scale in Japan is Opposed

In an article discussing the many "great reconstruction plans" of Tokio, Shide Nishi, one of the leading newspaper editors of Japan, says it is opposed to the idea of undertaking reconstruction on a scale that is manifestly beyond the economic power of the country.

"We are opposed to the foreign loan proposition," says the newspaper, "before all attempts have been made to reduce the funds on the home market."

"Everybody desires perfection, but that presupposes the command of ample means or the ability to muster sufficient means to defray the enormous expenditures which the carrying out of the reconstruction programme should necessarily involve. It is a huge programme not in due proportion with the economic resources of the country is undertaken, not only will it be found to end in failure while yet on the road to the final result; but will be calculated to shake the foundation of the national economy by endangering the basis of the gold reserve and the currency system of the country rests."

"When we look to the violent oscillations of the German marks against pound sterling, we cannot help shuddering at the thought while hoping such will not be the case, that the same may chance to be the fate of the yen, unless the authorities move with the utmost prudence in the matter."

"If anybody thinks the stupendous enterprise we are entering upon can be executed without submitting ourselves to the strict observance of self-denial, he is indeed greatly in error. From now on we must concentrate all our efforts on the recovery from the heavy damage, not by the power of arms, but by a clever and well conceived economic policy to be pursued with a steady spirit and a determined will, not only on the part of the government, but upon the part of the entire populace."

Speaks Well of this Country

Scottish Immigrant Says Prospects Excellent for Making Good in Canada

The Toronto Globe says that W. H. G. Rogers, a recent Scottish immigrant to Canada, in a letter to the Edinburgh Scotsman, takes exception to the notion of British harvesters who have returned to the old country with tales of hardship and suffering endured this year while in this Dominion. After pointing out that of 12,000 Britishers who came to Canada under the Canadian Government scheme only 600 to 1,000 have gone back, Mr. Rogers says in part: "These few have made noise and trouble so that in a few years time this land would become an important article of commerce, and would add millions of dollars to the income of the natural gas producers."

Since 1904 various processes for obtaining gasoline from natural gas have been in operation, the object being to extract it at the wells before entering the pipe line. Improvements have continually been made, and in a properly designed and carefully operated plant it is now possible to recover from 87 to 95 per cent. of the gasoline contained in the gas.

For Cattaraugus, it is one of the chief recommendations of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil that it can be used internally with as much success as it can outwardly. Sufferers from catarrh will find that the Oil when used according to directions will give prompt relief. Men suffering from this ailment have found relief in the Oil and have sent testimonials.

Because of her habit of going barefooted in youth, the average country girl has developed a more perfect foot than her sister of the city, according to Dr. J. Anna Norris, head of the department of physical education for women at the University of Minnesota.

Time has Tested It—Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil has been on the market upwards of fifty years and in that time it has proved a blessing to thousands. It is in high favor throughout Canada and its excellence has carried its fame beyond the seas. If it were double the price it would be a cheap liniment.

Ever notice that the people who are most eager to keep money in circulation are those who haven't any?

A man never kicks if his name is mis-spelled in the police records of a newspaper.

Minard's Liniment Heals Cuts

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Youngful Immigrants

That 50,000 teen age boys will be brought to Canada in 1924 is the expectation of Major M. J. O'Brien, representing the British Immigration and Colonization Association. He stated that after sufficient training, these boys could be given farms of their own, and the vast areas of Northern Ontario could be filled with desirable settlers.

Zam-Buk

ENDS PAIN

EVERY MOTHER SHOULD KEEP A BOX ON HAND

All Dealers, 50¢ box



Natural Resources Bulletin

Liquid Condensate from Natural Gas Important Article of Commerce

The Natural Resources Intelligence Service of the Department of the Interior at Ottawa says:

When natural gas was first struck in Pennsylvania and Ohio, they were already two of the most populous and enterprising states in the Union. A very different condition exists in East Central and Northwest Alberta where already the flow of a large supply of gas is assured, but the field of usefulness limited.

The ideal way to utilize natural gas is for domestic heating, lighting and cooking, and as a fuel in the development of power for manufacturing plants. But before this can be done there must exist both the population and the factories within a reasonable distance, say 100 miles, to consume sufficient gas and to pay a price high enough to warrant the operation of the field and the investment requisite to the laying of the pipe line.

If, however, there is nothing to be done at present in this direction, and the gas is to be utilized, the manufacture of commodities for which there is a continuous demand, such as gasoline and carbon black, is the next best thing. Twenty years ago it was the common experience both in the Pittsburgh and the Ontario gas well district, that in the cold weather when a good flow of gas was required the presence of a liquid condensate that accumulated in the low places on the pipe line, interfered with the steady flow, and necessitated pumping out or draining at intervals. Nobody realized then that in a few years time this liquid would become an important article of commerce, and would add millions of dollars to the income of the natural gas producers.

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Montreal Maintains Lead

Grain handled at the port of Montreal in 1923, totalled 126,012,333 bushels, the largest amount shipped through any port in North America during the year. Montreal thus maintains, for the third successive year, her position as the leading grain exporting seaport on the continent.

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To Make Railroad Crossings Safer

Use of Mirrors at Railroad Crossings To be Tried Out in Sweden

The use of mirrors at railroad crossings, a new expedient for the reduction of accidents, is being tried out by the Swedish State Railways. "The first of such 'viewing mirrors' have just been installed at certain crossings for tests and approval by the general public. They are slightly convex in form and reflect the image of an approaching train which may be seen by drivers at a considerable distance down the road." They are particularly valuable at night because of the bright reflection of train lights.

NO MORE WEAK AND DIZZY SPELLS Since She Used

MILBURN'S Heart and Nerve Pills

Miss Bertha Charlotte, Regina, Sask., writes:—"I have had a lot of trouble lately, with what I thought was heart trouble, and after an unusual exertion I always felt sick. My doctor advised a complete rest and change, but this I was unable to take."

I became interested in Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills, so started taking them. I have now taken three boxes and am so much improved I can go about my daily work without feeling any after ill effects, and have not had any weak or dizzy spells for some time. Your medicine has done me more good than anything I have ever taken, and I will gladly recommend Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills to any woman who is weak and run down."

Price 50¢ per box at all dealers, or mailed on receipt of price by The T. Milburn Co., Limited, Toronto, Ont.

New Markets for Canadian Grains

Canadian Grain Shipped From Vancouver to South American Ports

New markets for Canadian grain continue to appear. A steamer will load at Vancouver shortly with 4,200 tons for Brazil, which it is expected will be the forerunner of a number to be sent to the South American country. Another steamer will load one thousand tons of grain for the west coast of South America. Recently Mexico made its first purchase in Vancouver of a small shipment of wheat.

Grand Championship

Black Lorraine, owned by the University of Saskatchewan, was awarded the reserve grand championship for Percheron mares at the Toronto Royal Show, held recently. The university also secured the reserve grand championship of the steer class with Linda Gray Lad, a pure-bred Hereford steer.

Dragged Down by Asthma. The man or woman who is continually subject to asthma is unfitted for his or her life's work. Strength departs and energy is taken away until life becomes a dreary existence. And yet this is necessary. Dr. D. Kellogg's Asthma Remedy has brought a great change to an army of sufferers. It relieves the restricted air tubes and guards against future trouble. Try it.

The soil of Spitzbergen has been found to be frozen to a depth of 1,000 feet. In summer the surface thaws to a depth of about two feet.

Corn can be varied more quickly by selection of seed than can any other food crop.

As lightning rods contain platinum they are subject to occasional rifling by thieves.

Soft corners are difficult to eradicate, but Holloway's Corn Remover will draw them out painlessly.

It is said that a fool and his money are soon parted, and yet lots of fools keep right on accumulating wealth."

"The man who doesn't talk has less repelling to do than the garrulous individual."

CHILDREN CRY FOR "CASTORIA"

Especially Prepared for Infants and Children of All Ages

Mother! Fletcher's Castoria has been in use for over 30 years as a pleasant, harmless substitute for Castor Oil, Purgative, Teething Drops and Soothing Syrup. Contains no narcotics. Proven directions are on each package. Physicians everywhere recommend it. The kind you have always bought bears signature of

Wm. D. Fletcher.

Plan To Secure Suitable Agricultural Employment For Immigrants From Overseas

The Minister of Immigration has decided to use the organization of the Soldier Settlement Board for the purpose of securing suitable agricultural employment for immigrants who arrive in this country in future.

On the instructions of the department, the board has now commenced a definite survey of all provinces, for the purpose of securing the names of farmers who are likely to desire farm help in the spring. These farmers will be invited to submit applications for farm help. The applications will be tabulated, the information thus obtained being furnished to the immigration authorities overseas in order that the flow of agricultural help may be regulated and directed to the districts in which it is required.

The board has also been given the duty of receiving and distributing this immigrant farm help on its arrival in the spring. In order that this may be done, advice will be forwarded from overseas of the names, destinations and dates of sailing of agricultural immigrants. These immigrants will be met on arrival by immigration officials and directed to the districts which are most suited to the immigrant's requirements and capabilities. On arrival in that district, they will be met by the board's officials and directed to the positions selected for them.

The work of securing positions has already been commenced by the Regina district office of the Soldier Settlement Board. The field staff of the board are now employed in securing the names of farmers who are expected to require farm help in the spring. These farmers, in addition to the farmers whose names are already on record, are being invited to forward applications for farm help to the local field supervisors of the board, who are stationed at various centres throughout the province.

In view of the heavy response which was given to similar work that was undertaken on behalf of British harvesters, it is anticipated that a large number of applications will be received. Any farmers wishing to secure experience or inexperienced farm laborers should make early application, in order that their requirements may be filled. It is the intention of the department to bring from overseas agricultural workers for every suitable opening which is listed in sufficient time for the necessary arrangements to be made.

A Plain Commoner

Princess Mary's Son Not a Prince of the Royal Blood

Ever since Princess Mary's son and heir came into the world last winter there has been much speculation as to whether he is a plain commoner or a prince of the royal blood. But the speculation is ended, and Great Britain now knows the King's grandson is not a prince of the royal blood but simply the Hon. Henry Hubert Lascelles, or "Master Lascelles" for short.

This decisive information is conveyed by the 1924 Debrett, the unquestioned guide to the genealogy of royalty and the aristocracy of the kingdom.

The new issue says that a royal warrant debars young Lascelles from being a royal prince. The warrant asserts that none but children of the sons of sovereign and "the eldest living son of the Prince of Wales shall have and hold the style, title, and attribute of royal highness, with titular dignity of prince and prince."

A Broad Base

Another remarkable thing about the British Labor party has been its success in attracting to itself notable people from various walks of life. Its doors are open to "all who live by working" without regard to the character of the work, and even those who are in a position to live without working are not excluded. The great majority of the members of the party are manual-working wage-earners, but membership has never been restricted to these. Woodstock Sentinel-Review.

An estate of \$1,200,000 was left by Wm. A. Pinkerton, noted private detective, who died recently in California, according to the will filed for probate.

Occasionally a woman cultivates the acquaintance of her next-door neighbor so that she can borrow things.

The first determination of the velocity of light was made by Romer, in 1676.

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Huge Butter Production

Danish Prince Makes a Big Success of His Dairy Farm

Prince Erik, of Denmark, who passed through Winnipeg recently on a holiday trip to Ottawa and New York, interviewed by the Free Press, spoke most optimistically of his dairying at Innisfail, Alta., and mentioned that 200,000 pounds of butter had been produced this season at his creamery. His establishment was operated on lines familiar in Denmark, a country which supplies large quantities of butter and eggs to the Old Country and other parts of Europe. Dairying came as a secondary industry in connection with his life on the ranch, he stated, which began nearly three years ago.

"Breeding of shorthorn cattle was the first thing in which I became interested in the west," Prince Erik stated.

Prince Erik is a second cousin of the Prince of Wales, and resembles his royal relative, though he is somewhat taller than his fellow-Canadian farmer.

Antiquity of Yew Trees

Trees in England Said to be 2,000 Years Old

Mighty as may be the English oak, the yew is said to boast the greater longevity. The Yewham and Cowthorpe oaks are both estimated to be 1,000 years old. However, yew trees are said to have been old when these oaks were saplings. It is said, for instance, that a yew at Battle, in Sussex, must have been a very old tree when William the Conqueror landed. It will close on 30 feet in girth. The yews at Norbury Park are said to be 2,000 years old, so that they were well grown when Julius Caesar landed in 55 B.C. The historian of Selborne believed that the famous yew in Selborne churchyard was at least as old as the church itself, which goes back to Saxon times, and there are many yews along the Pilgrims' Way between Winchester and Canterbury which, could they but speak, could describe the scenes which are subjects of Chaucer's poems.

Conversations of the Great

Even Great People Sometimes Discuss Trivialities

What do the great talk about? In Mr. J. A. Spender's recently published life of Campbell-Bannerman there is a passage which sheds an amusing sidelight upon that oft-asked question. It was at a time when it seemed as though England might go to war with Russia. And so when Campbell-Bannerman was snapped talking to King Edward in the gardens of Buckingham Palace the London newspapers all featured the picture under the interrogatory caption: "Peace or War?"

May Appeal to Privy Council

Saskatchewan May Appeal Judgments On Blue Sky Law

An appeal to the privy council against the judgment of the supreme court of Canada, by which the provincial "blue sky" law is held to be inoperative against a corporation chartered by the Dominion, is possible, Hon. J. A. Cross, attorney-general of the province, suggested.

He stated that the government could not decide whether it would carry the case further until a copy of the judgment showing the reasons on which it is based, was received from the supreme court at Ottawa.

It is estimated the coal production of Nova Scotia this year will reach at least 6,200,000 tons. As the total production last year was 4,612,196 tons, the increase this year will be more than 1,500,000 tons. The outlook for 1924 is encouraging.

About all you can say for a fine vocabulary is that it makes your friends blink—occasionally as you talk.

All the world's a stage, but no one wants to play second fiddle to the orchestra.

Since 1904 the U.S. national death rate from tuberculosis has decreased 50 per cent.

An elephant cannot see an object outlined against the sky at more than thirty yards.

Food Situation in Germany

Germany Has Made It Hard to Feed Her Own People

According to Secretary Hoover's agent in Germany three disturbing factors enter into the food situation in that country. One is the inability of the government or of private firms to finance the small margin of food imports. Another is the breakdown of the currency which has interrupted the distribution of domestic food supplies. The third is unemployment, which has decreased the ability of large classes to buy food.

It is only the bare truth to say that all these troubles were inflicted upon the German people by their government. The German harvest this year was above the average. Nine and a half million tons of bread grains were produced, compared with seven million tons last year. The potato crop fell off from forty-one million tons to thirty millions and the sugar crop from 1,450,000 tons to 1,200,000. But Mr. Hoover's representative notes "a considerable use of potatoes for industrial purposes," which indicates that there is little real fear of a scarcity in that staple.

Germany always has been short of meats, fats and dairy products. She hopes to import, as usual, 700,000 tons of fats, vegetable oils and seeds and probably 50,000,000 bushels of grains. But these wants are normal and were indicated long ago.

What did the German Government do to anticipate them? It has wrecked the mark in order to finance its grotesque campaign of "passive resistance" in the Ruhr and the Rhineland. It has deliberately created "unemployment" by paying hundreds of thousands of able-bodied workmen not to work. It has driven the farmer into refusing to sell his products to the city dwellers, because payment can be made to him only in worthless paper. The currency swindle and a year of voluntary avoidance of labor in the occupied territory have brought the German people to the point at which they think they may not be able to feed themselves, and at which they do not hesitate to ask the authorization of a foreign food loan by the Reparation Commission.

After antagonizing the commission for twelve months and accusing it of trying to starve the Reich, the German leaders now plead for help to save their people from the consequences of their own bad leadership and obduracy. It is a characteristic Teuton gesture.—New York Tribune.

The Conspiracy of Noise

Numerous agencies in modern life seem to be in league against quiet. Outside on these evenings the rushing automobiles with the screeching sirens, the clanging trolley car, inside the music box emitting jazz, the radio bringing the hum and roar of the air, with now and again a human voice in speech or song coming from afar. All are in conspiracy against quiet.—Albany Knickerbocker Press.

Fresh Water Pearl Fishery

A fresh water pearl fishery is one of the hitherto unsuspected treasures of France, according to a communication made by M. Henneguy, to the Academy of Sciences. He reported a discovery in the centre of France of fresh water mussels that produce pearls comparing favorably in color and brilliance with the best efforts of the oyster.

WESTERN EDITORS



W. J. Watson, Secretary-Treasurer and Business Manager of The Daily Herald, Calgary, Alta.

Gold and Cobalt

Major Portion of World's Cobalt Supply Comes from Ontario Mines

Revised statistics issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics show that the production of gold for 1922 attained the high total of 1,263,364 fine ounces, the highest figure reached since 1900 when the Yukon placers reached the peak of their production. The year's production was valued at \$26,116,050. Almost four-fifths of the total production, valued at \$20,678,822, was produced by Ontario mines and placers; British Columbia taking second place with nearly four-fifths of the remainder.

The major portion of the world's supply of cobalt for almost two decades has been derived from the silver-cobalt-arsenic ores of the Cobalt district of Ontario. The year's cobalt production was 569,560 pounds which if the average New York quotation of \$3.25 per pound were taken would be worth \$1,852,375. This estimate, however, has reference to the cobalt content of the ores mined and not to the output of metallic cobalt from Canadian smelters. Cobalt residues were exported for treatment which yielded 173,211 pounds of metallic cobalt but more than half the production was marketed in the form of oxide.

Yield and Value of Potato Crop

Total Value of Canada's Potato Crop Estimated at \$62,652,000

The area planted in potatoes in Canada in 1923 is estimated at Ottawa as 560,942 acres compared with 683,294 acres in 1922; decrease of 18 per cent. The yield per acre, however, for more than counterbalances the falling off in acreage planted. This yield is placed at 193½ hundredweight per acre, against 81½ hundredweight last year, giving a total yield in 1923 of 61,066,700 hundredweight against 55,745,300 hundredweight in 1922. The total value of the potato crop is estimated at \$63,652,000, compared with \$50,220,000 last year, the average per hundredweight being \$1.03 against 90 cents in 1922.

Deaths from lack of food in Berlin during 1922 and the first ten months of the present year numbered 103, according to official statistics.

Shown That High Grade Fuel Can Be Made By Briquetting Saskatchewan Lignite Coal

Farmers Crop Profitable

Eight Per Cent. Cash Dividend Declared by Saskatchewan Co-operative Elevator Co.

An eight per cent. cash dividend was announced at the 13th annual general meeting of the Saskatchewan Co-operative Elevator Company recently. The financial report showed a net profit of \$142,212.25. Out of the net profit \$137,456 was taken for the dividend, \$152,358.27 was placed to the elevator reserve account and a similar amount to general reserve account, the former now standing at \$1,765,575.73, an increase of \$242,695.11, and the latter at \$112,814.70, an advance of \$152,358.25 over last year. The company's assets are \$7,876,814.95; share capital subscribed \$3,873,500, of which \$1,719,952.50 is paid up. The company handled a total of 42,880,825 bushels of grain, as compared with 37,335,000 bushels the preceding year.

The company, which is a farmers' organization, has three subsidiary companies—the Saskatchewan Co-operative Export Company, James Stewart and Company, Ltd., and the James Stewart Grain Corporation, New York.

No Hitch in Plans

Canadian National Acquires Hotel Scribe for Offices in Paris

Regarding assertions made recently in Canada that a hitch had occurred in the negotiations for acquisition by the Canadian National Railways of Hotel Scribe in Paris for office accommodations, the Canadian Press learns that there is no dissatisfaction whatever on the part of the railway officials in Paris. It has resolved itself into a question of leasing accommodation for 20 years, or buying.

The railway company was unable to rent space at the time under acceptable conditions, and consequently decided to buy. For the convenience of the management the building is being incorporated under French company laws.

The Future Citizens

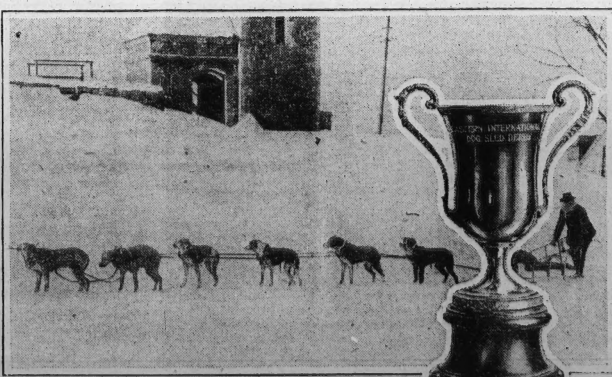
Boys and Girls Who Have an Appreciation of the Value of Time and Money

The best citizens of the future, those who will be most competent to look out for themselves and to serve others, are the boys and girls who now have an appreciation of the value of time and money; whose taste for good reading has been cultivated; who are taught the resources of the public library; who have been shown how to discriminate in associations, and whose championships have been tactfully directed by discerning parents; whose taste for entertainment has not been suppressed, but gratified along wholesome lines.—Kansas City Times.

Salmon Worth \$100,000,000

The total pack of canned salmon for British Columbia, 1923 season will pack the packers more than \$100,000,000, if all the cases are marketed at the ruling prices.

Ten Teams to Try for Trophy



Jean Lebel with his team at Quebec. (Inset) The Dog-sled Derby Trophy

Great interest is being manifested in the International Dog Derby to be run at Quebec during the Winter Carnival in February next. At present ten entries have been received and others are expected from the north shore of the St. Lawrence and from the Abitibi mining district. As navigation will soon close it will be necessary for entries from the latter district to mush 400 miles to reach Quebec. The Northwestern Alaska Chamber of Commerce is keenly interested in the race and is now considering the possibility of entering a team to represent Alaska.

If this can be arranged, the Quebec event will be the greatest dog classic in the history of the continent. Jean Lebel, winner of last year's race and driver of one of the two teams to be entered this year by the Brown Corporation, had the misfortune to lose his leader which was run over by an automobile recently, but he has another young dog already trained to replace it, and although he thinks the race will be hard fought, he is confident that his team will again finish in the lead.

"It has been demonstrated that a very high grade fuel can be made out of carbonized lignite."

This was the comment made by J. M. Leamy, one of the members of the Lignite Utilization Board, on a new power dispatch from North Western Saskatchewan, stating that two cars of lignite coal shipped from the board's plant at Blentfall, Sask., to Hebron, N.D., for experimental purposes had re-entered Canada in briquette form, and that from all appearances the experiment had been a success.

Mr. Leamy stated that progress reports he had received spoke of the quality of the briquettes in the highest terms. The briquettes will likely be distributed in Ottawa and Regina, he said.

Manitoba joined with Saskatchewan and the Dominion Government in establishing and carrying on the plant at Blentfall, but last summer the Bracken Government announced it had decided to discontinue financial support. The withdrawal of Manitoba left the question of funds in the air, and not having finances to put the briquetting plant in shape, sent some of the carbonized material that had accumulated to Hebron for treatment at Dean Babcock's plant.

Mr. Leamy stated the only reason for the briquetting being done at Hebron was a financial one, and that the conversion of carbonized lignite into fuel in the form of briquettes could be done at the board's own briquetting plant if it were put in operation.

"The members of the board were satisfied with the work which has been done at Blentfall, and I have no doubt the further demonstration at Hebron has been successful in every way," said Mr. Leamy.

Edison's First Motion Picture

The Great Train Robbery Filmed 31 Years Ago Still a Passable Show

The first feature motion picture ever produced, Thomas A. Edison's "The Great Train Robbery," filmed thirty-one years ago, was a curiously introduced at the annual luncheon of the Visual Instruction Association of America and the Visual Instruction Association of New York.

After the train robbery a modern production of Longfellow's "Miles Standish," featuring Charles Ray, was shown on the screen. But the contrast was diminished by the use of a modern projector in both cases. There were no black streaks on the screen, and the photography, though not good, seemed quite passable, considering when the films had been made. There were no "closeups," however, and the absence of subtitles afforded a pleasing relief. The action was quicker and simpler than in modern films and gave more the impression of a Pathé Weekly than any other film.

One speaker, Dixon Ryan Fox, professor of history at Columbia University, said he trusted that "The Great Train Robbery" will influence motion picture directors as the works of great stylists like Carlyle and its contemporaries have influenced literature.

Start Butterfly Farm

Beautiful butterflies in great variety were released in London parks last year as an added attraction for visitors. The innovation was so much appreciated that a butterfly farm is to be established near the British capital, with the object of supplying them to parks in the summer time. It is said that twenty thousand were released in the various London parks last summer, and that forty thousand chrysalises are under cultivation at the "farm" at this time.

Winstor Golf Courses

Nearly two hundred golf courses are now available for winter play in the south, including the Pacific coast, and most of them are 18-hole courses, with grass greens. The south has 102 courses on which tourists may play for a nominal fee, while the far west as nearly as many. California leads the semi-typical states with 38, while Florida has 35.

Mail By Aeroplane

Plans for an aeroplane mail service from the terminus of the government railway at Nonnat, Alaska, to Fairbanks, are being made by the U.S. post office department. The service, replacing dog teams and railroad delivery, will reduce the time of delivery from twenty days to four hours, he said.

The late Andrew Bonar Law, in addition to his real estate, left a personal estate valued for probate in London at £21,397.

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many have to learn by bitter experience, experience is a very expensive school but often a successful teacher of the wilful wanderer. How much better to listen to the voice of wisdom. Remember now, if you are tempted by the gay life of the city, away from the quiet life of a loving home circle, that all the so-called pleasure and gaieties of the city are a sham and a snare and leave a bitter memory which future tears fail to obliterate. Yet thank heaven for the way back from the far country and thank a loving Father for the many who have come to learn the emptiness of sinful pleasures. Shall we in imagination follow the weary returning wanderer back to the Father's home. Listen and soon you will hear sweet strains of joyous music and often amidst the swelling chorus we catch the sweet refrain of a loving Father's voice for this my son, was dead, and is alive again. He was lost and is found. Lost? Yes, it is a good thing when a traveller walking along the untrodden paths comes to the conclusion that he is lost. If you were walking in any of the paths in the City of London when one of the dense fogs which sometimes come down very suddenly, you would hear from various points, the cry, lost, lost, because of the many paths that cross and recross making it a veritable maze and very difficult for anyone to find a way out until guided by the cry of the park keepers find the lost ones and guide them out into one of the main thoroughfares and so put them in a safe way for home. Now, how is it with the wanderer in life's journey. Have we taken the only safe guide and heard the still small voice whisper—softly, wanderer, come, follow me, I'll guide thee home. Don't let us forget that there is one always seeking the lost ones and ready to guide them home. And let us not be afraid of the difficulties and sometimes dangers of the narrow path, always remembering that the way to the crown is by way of the Cross. Be assured that the guide will help us safely over all the dark places, out into the light. And as we near our journey's end it may be ours to say—'We wrestled on toward Heaven, Gained wind and storm and tide, How like a weary traveler, That leant on his guide. Amidst the shades of evening, While sinks life's lingering sand, I hail the Glory dawning From Emanuel's land. Wishing all a safe and happy journey, I remain yours sincerely, 'A Fellow Traveler.'

VIKING

Looking like a million dollars on a big sheet of ice, Viking hockey team lifted the famous Dawson Cup Trophy from the Chuvain aggregation at Chauvin last Saturday by the score of 5 to 3. Before leaving our home town the boys, and the fans too, were not sure that the mug could be lifted but this gloom was soon dispelled after the first face-off when it was seen that Viking had at least an even chance to be custodian of the silverware for an indefinite length of time.

Perhaps we may not be living in California or back in the sunshine of Miami, Florida, but we have our butterflies in January. On Monday T. W. Thompson brought in a fine specimen of white butterfly which, he states was captured in his harness shop, and was of the opinion that it flew into the building. Monday was a warm mild day, and perhaps a warm mild day in the spring was here, crawled out of his shell (or whatever he sleeps and grows in) saw the harness shop door open and the welcome sign on the doormat and decided to take on the form of a butterfly. The little visitor reminds us that spring is just around the corner. We will be waiting to hear soon of the first gopher, crow or robin arriving.

The annual meeting of the Viking Co-operative Creamery Association was held last Saturday in the town hall. There was a good attendance.

The financial statement showed that the association was in a very good financial standing. The assets are \$29,300.00 with liabilities of only \$3,300. The annual turnover was \$155,960.33, of which \$18,000.00 was paid to farmers for cream. Butter manufactured for the year 1923 was 452,316, an increase of approximately 56,000 lbs over the output of the previous year. The institution shows a surplus of practically \$21,790.02, with a sinking fund reserve of \$3,671.59. Although the make was 56,000 pounds more than the previous year the operating expenses were only \$500.00 more.

At the end of the year approximately \$4,000.00 was paid in bonuses to patrons, whether shareholders or not. These cheques amounted to from 65c to \$65.00, according to the amount of butter fat the patron had sold to the creamery. The bonus amounted to one cent per pound extra for butter.

The Viking Co-operative creamery is without doubt the most successful and most unique institution of its kind in the west, perhaps in the dominion. There are 145 shareholders, none of whom receive dividends. The organization took place some 14 years ago with capital stock of \$3,000.00. This has never been increased, nor have the shareholders been called upon for any assessment, although today the plant is easily worth \$25,000.00. The sinking fund reserve has taken care of all additions and improvements. Patrons and shareholders alike share in any profits that may accrue by being paid at the end of the year according to the amount of butterfat delivered. The highest prices for butterfat has always been paid at the Viking Creamery and in many cases somewhat higher than the centralizers.

Rev. Mr. Hughes, of Regina, occupied the pulpit in the morning at the church last Sunday morning and evening. Mr. Hughes is connected with the Union church movement in Canada and delivered a forceful sermon Sunday evening in which he brought forth many telling points that showed the advantage of church union according to the Scriptures. After the regular service a short meeting was held at which discussion took place in regard to the proposed United Church of Canada on which question the local community congregation will vote tonight at the annual meeting, whether to join up or not. The trend of the meeting seemed to favor joining the parent body. Further discussion of this question will take place at the annual meeting.

Mrs. Bassett and children expect to leave next week for Edmonton to remain for a short time until going to Calgary where they will make their future home.

One of the most pleasant affairs that have been pulled off here for many moons was the carnival dance last Thursday evening in Jensen's hall. Although the weather was very cold over 100 people turned out, and since those who did not turn out have heard about the good time that was had, they all wished they had come out. When the merry makers arrived they were given caps, hats, tuckers, horns, etc., and proceeded to have the time of their lives. Music was furnished by a six-piece orchestra especially arranged for the occasion and so pleased were the crowd with the music that they have been urged to organize into a permanent organization to be available for future engagements. The personnel was Miss Rowena Harris, piano, Geo. Armstrong, violin, Sidney Stowe, violin, E. W. Pilgrim, banjo, Evan Jones, drums, H. G. Thunell, trombone. Lunch was served at midnight by Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Kirby and this also proved one of the delights of the evening.

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ultimately prove the real solution of this situation. Prices for lumber have now reached such a low point that there is no reason why anyone should longer put off building.

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More or Less Funny

Mutt and Jeff seem to have started something in Mexico. Another revolution has broken out.

Hurry up with the Viking-Irma-Wainwright oil wells. Gasoline took a raise of two cents per gallon yesterday.

Girls, don't be backward. No matter if people may suspect this year that you popped the question, it is just as well to get one while the getting is good.

Mosquitoes set a good example for advertisers. They are not satisfied with one insertion, and they do a humming business.

Heard at a social: 1st lady: "Can you keep a secret?" 2nd lady: "Yes, easily. But I can't help anyone else keep one."

The radio stuff may be new, but this broadcasting of news is old stuff. The women folks have been broadcasting news over the back fence for years.

Short sighted lady (in a local butcher shop): "Is that the head cheese over there?" Clerk: "No, that's the delivery man."

Just as we were looking at the pictures of the nice new cars, gasoline made a jump and took all the joy out of life.

A radio bug announced to one of our citizens the other evening that when he "tuned in last night I got Honolulu." "That's nothing," was the reply. "When I turned in last night I got h—!"

Heard on the street: First Citizen: "So you turned over a new leaf on New Year's?" Second Citizen: "Yes, I had to do it, for my wife said she had found out she could read me like a book."

A man stepped into a drug store here the other day and said: "I want some consecrated lye." Druggist: "You mean concentrated lye."

Customer: "It does nutmeg any difference. That's what I camphor. What's it sulphur?"

Druggist: "Fifteen scents. I never cinnamon with so much wit."

Customer: "Well I should myrrh myrrh! Yet I ammonia novice at it."

A chinook came along Monday and reminded us that it was Edmonton hospital week. But today, zowie!

Secretary Rae's prayers for cold weather must have been answered.

During Cold Weather,
You Need the Help of —

Hot Water Bottles

—a cheap way to warm
up the bed and make
you comfortable.

Our Prices are Right.
Our Bottles are Right.
\$1.25 up.

COME IN
AND SELECT YOURS
Derman's Drug Store

Irma, Alta.

IRMA FARMER CAPTURES FIRST PRIZE ON RUBY WHEAT AT EDMONTON

Last week Mr. A. R. Harper had the honor of capturing first prize on his ruby wheat at the Edmonton Seed Fair. The same wheat is being sent to Winnipeg where we hope he will have the same success. Several of the other farmers in the Irma district who had good crops of high grade wheat and oats are kicking themselves that they did not send some along to the Seed Fair, no doubt that they done so the Irma district would have had the honor of having more than the one prize return to the district. Mr. Harper is to be congratulated on his success and we hope next year will see more entries for the Provincial Seed Fair.

A herd of 20 buffalo is soon to be shipped from Wainwright Park, Alta. to the Yukon, where a game preserve is to be laid out in the central part of the territory. This announcement was made here by Robert Lowe, of White Pass, Yukon Territory, on his way back from Ottawa, where he arranged for the shipment.

The Banff Winter Carnival is to be held from February 2nd to 9th, 1924, both dates inclusive, and will run concurrently with the Banff Festival, which will be held from February 4th to 9th, inclusive. A widely varied and attractive programme has been arranged, culminating in a Grand Carnival dance, when the Carnival Queen for 1924 will be announced and crowned.

Among the New Year's honors for 1924 one of the most popular is the award of the C.B.E. by His Majesty the King to Captain S. Robinson, R.N.R., who, it will be recalled, so distinguished himself in command of the Canadian Pacific S.S. "Empress of Australia" during the Japanese disaster and is now commanding the Canadian Pacific S.S. "Empress of Canada" for that vessel's forthcoming world cruise.

The beauties of the Laurentian Mountains, which have already attracted the attention of moving picture producers, are continuing to draw such companies. The latest to make use of this location is the Distinctive Pictures Corporation, starring Anna Roberts and Conrad Nagel, which has been shooting at Gray Rocks Inn, Ste. Jovite, over the New Year holiday period. A feature of their work has been the co-operation of the Chateau Frontenac dog team, led by Montie, a veteran of five years service in the North.

TRAIN SCHEDULE, IRMA, ALTA.

Effective January 6th, 1924
No. 1, Going West 7:44 P.M.
No. 3, Going East 7:28 A.M.
No. 2, Going East 10:38 A.M.
No. 4, Going East 10:14 P.M.
Train No. 1 stops only to let off or pick up passengers from Saskatoon or East, or to Jasper and West.
Train No. 2 stops only to let off or pick up passengers from Jasper or West or to Saskatoon and East.

—ROY WHYTE, Agent.

WANT ADS.

FOR SALE CHEAP—Good 1 1/2 H. P. Pumping Engine in good working condition.—A. G. Walker, Irma, Alta. 35-7-P

STRAYED—To N. W. 28-45-9-w/4, One Red and White Cow, shorthorn, with horns, no brands visible. One Light Red Cow with horns, no brands visible.—Owner can have same by proving property.—J. R. Love, Irma.

STRAYED—On my place, one three year old steer, red, branded MU on right hip, D. Elliott; Sec. 32-47-10, Kinsella P. O. 3tp.

FOR SALE—Eight-inch Ontario Feed Chopper.—Apply H. W. Love, Irma.

STRAYED—From Section 1-45-9-w/4 Two Red some White Steers, and one Yearling, branded L reverse R over bar on left hip, also waddle on left jaw.—Notify A. Long, Irma. 36-9-p

Cattle branded OL with half circle on right hip are property of J. R. Love, Irma. Kindly notify if strayed.

EXPERIENCED DRILLERS LOOKING FOR WORK

The Times is in receipt of a letter from two experienced drillers looking for position. For further information write The Times, Irma, Alberta.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE—New

York State Hay and Grain Farm, 165 acres, 10 room house, large basement barn, running water, 26 acres wood & timber, red machine working fields, 2 miles to stores, churches and high school, quarter mile to macadamized road. Lots fruit. \$4500 easy terms, or would exchange for grocery or general stores in Saskatchewan, or good farm land.

Mrs. R. B. Caslick, Newfield, N. Y. 37-9-P

PETERSON WILL MOVE REPLY TO THORNE SPEECH

Premier Greenfield and other members of the cabinet are putting in extra hours this week preparing for the opening of the Alberta Legislature next Monday, council meetings being in progress each afternoon.

Following yesterday's cabinet conference the Premier last night stated that Lawrence Peterson, U. F. A. member for Taber will move and I. Joly, U. F. A. member for St. Paul, will second, the address from the throne to be delivered Monday afternoon. Messrs. Peterson and Joly will speak Tuesday. It was intended to have G. L. Stringham, Cardston, propose the address in reply, but he is ill and may not be able to attend the opening session.

Very Optimistic
Premier Greenfield is optimistic over the outlook for the session, claiming that the government legislation is well in hand and that a favorable showing will be reported in regard to the provincial finances, following a year of record collections in taxes. He states that the estimated deficit of \$1,000,000 for 1923 will be considerably cut in the financial statement to be given the house.

The new liquor control bill has been "scrutinized" by Hon. R. B. Bennett, following its drafting by H. H. Parlee, K. C. of Edmonton, and the government state that this measure will be one of the first brought down in the house.

NATURAL RESOURCES

The Premier announces that early in the session he will make a statement of the natural resources question, and he promises later to explain why the government has declined to issue writs for the by-elections in Clearwater and Grouard, constituencies which have been vacant over four months, and which will not be represented in the legislature this session.

OSAGE INDIANS RECEIVED \$10,000 EACH FROM ROYALTY

Each individual Osage Indian received more than \$10,000 last year from oil royalties and bonuses. This gave some families more than \$80,000 net income for the year.

The Osage tribe is the richest body of people on earth. Production in the Osage in recent years has not only made the tribe wealthy but improved living conditions brought about by their wealth has caused the birth rate to increase. The population has increased 13,500 in the last ten years. At one time it was thought this tribe would die out.

Total population of the tribe today is 340,917.

Jackson Barnett is one of the richest of the tribe. He is an aged man and first gained notoriety years ago when he refused to select a land allotment offered him by the government. One was arbitrarily selected and given him. From this tract of land sufficient oil has been produced to make him very wealthy. He has already received more than \$3,000,000 from his oil royalty. Of this amount \$1,000,000 is invested in Liberty Bonds.

Osage Indians have in the United States treasury some \$25,000,000 on deposit in different banks about \$35,000,000.

FINAL REFERENDUM FIGURES

Official figures on the final count in the recent referendum on the liquor question have now been announced by J. D. Hunt, chief election officer. The result is given as follows:

Question A 61,780
Question B 3,939
Question C 3,092
Question D 93,990
The majority of "D" over "A" is thus 32,210. The cost of holding the plebiscite was less than \$130,000, whereas the Legislature had allowed an estimate of \$250,000, basing this estimate on the cost of previous plebiscites.

GET YOUR CAR LICENSE EARLY

We notice by the Edmonton Journal that car owners will be prosecuted from Feb. 1st for failure to procure their Car Licenses.

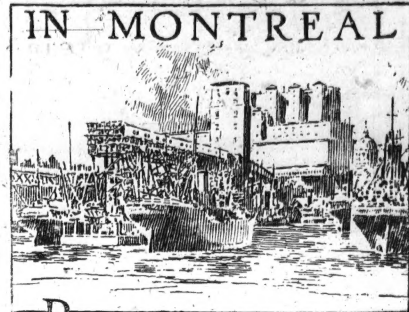
The Provincial Police also have strict orders on this same, and will be active on the enforcement of this statute. No excuse will be taken for those operating cars without license.

UNEMPLOYMENT IN

ALBERTA SMALL

Total unemployed registered in the Provincial Labor Bureaus at the end of the year numbered 495, as compared to 997 at the end of the previous year. Through the offices at six points in the province, total placements during the year were 55,273, an increase over the previous year of 15,187. The cost of operation of the service was reduced last year by \$13,967, the average cost per placement being reduced thus from \$14.63 to 89 cents. The cost of operation of these bureaus is borne equally by the Province and Dominion.

FIRST
of the series dealing with the establishment of the
BANK OF MONTREAL at representative points in CANADA
and elsewhere



BEFORE any steamship had crossed the ocean, and before either the locomotive or the telegraph had been invented, nine merchants of Montreal signed articles for the formation of the "Montreal Bank," now the Bank of Montreal. That was on June 23, 1817—more than 106 years ago.

Since that time Montreal has grown from a town of less than 20,000 to a city of more than 800,000 population. The Bank, in continuous and successful operation from those early days down to the present time, has steadily pioneered its way across Canada. Today, through its Head Office and more than 550 Branches, it offers complete banking service—local, national, and international—in every section of the Dominion.

BANK OF MONTREAL

Established over 100 years

Total Assets in excess of \$650,000,000

Main Street

Mrs. MacBeth is having a visit with friends in Saskatchewan.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Whyte spent Sunday night with friends in Edmonton.

Mr. J. R. Love, M.L.A. left for Edmonton Friday morning to be on hand for the opening of the Legislature Monday.

The Roseberry Good Times Club is having a radio concert and dance Friday night, February 1st. A good time is assured and everyone invited to be present.

Mr. Walter Milburn left last Saturday night for a trip to the coast he expects to return here in about two weeks after when he will leave for his home in Toronto.

The Social evening given by the Ladies Aid at the Irma Church last Wednesday night was enjoyed by a nice crowd including most of the young people of the village.

On Thursday of last week fire destroyed the old King Edward hotel at Hardisty. The building was occupied by the I. O. O. F. Lodge and Keefer's moving picture theatre. The building was a total loss.

There is no shortage of cars at present but on account of the congestion at the terminal elevators the C. N. R. have found it necessary to place an embargo on the shipment of grain both east and west—it seems there is always something to keep the farmers from shipping their big crop of grain.

No word has been received from Mrs. Skiles who is still in the hospital at Edmonton. Last week she had not made much improvement and her friends at Irma are hoping that no news will be good news. Mr. Skiles is still at Edmonton.

Mr. F. Peterson returned from Edmonton Tuesday night after attending the annual seed fair at which he had charge of part of the exhibit. Mr. Peterson left Thursday for Winnipeg where the Province is sending the same exhibit that they had at Edmonton.

The U. G. G. meeting called for last Wednesday was postponed till Saturday, February 9th, on account of the notices not having been mailed to all the members, as it was a fairly good crowd was in attendance and heard the report of Mr. A. A. Fischer the delegate to the last annual meeting of the company.

NOTICE

The Irma Rural High School Board will sit as a Court of Revision in the School, Saturday the 9th of February at 2 o'clock P. M.

Anyone wishing to appeal against their assessment may do so through the Public School Board of the district in which property is situated. The assessment roll may be seen at the Municipal Office.

Fred B. Challis, Sec'y.

Labor Government Takes Charge in Great Britain

The Labor ministry headed by J. Ramsay MacDonald as premier, formally took office at noon today, Jan. 22nd.

The members of the retiring Baldwin government visited Buckingham Palace in the forenoon and shortly afterward Premier MacDonald and his ministers arrived at the palace and received their seals of office.

Premier MacDonald, wasting no time in getting the machinery of his government to work, called a cabinet meeting for this afternoon at which it was understood the policy to be presented to parliament when it re-assembles would be considered.

Premier's First Act

The first act of the MacDonald government even before it was quite formally in office, was to attempt a settlement of the rail strike.

While the government of Great Britain was passing into the hands of representatives of its laboring classes every effort was being bent to bring an end to the slowly spreading industrial paralysis of the transportation lines.

BOBBED HAIR

(Walt Mason)

The blooming damsels everywhere have shorn their blonde and raven hair and even dames advanced in years submit their ringlets to the shears. And some have multiplied their charms, while others look like false alarms. The latter are more often seen; it takes a rarely blooming queen to cut away the flowing locks and not resemble Guy H. Fawkes. I am a relic of the past, and oftentimes I stand agast at modern wrinkles, modern curves; said curves and wrinkles jar my nerves. The women strive and strive again, to look the duplicates of men. With mannish shirts and mannish suits, and mannish hats and mannish boots, they are not in their hand me-downs, like olden dames in flowing gowns. And being grey and full of tea, the old ways look the best to me. The girls are smoking, soon they'll chew, they've mastered slang, the old and new, they go to prize fights with the lads, and on some bruise lay their heads. Until quite lately I could tell the he-man from the lovely belle; my guesses were not often wrong while female hair was growing long; I'd note the topknot and the curl, and say, "That critter is a girl." But now I need a telescope if I would have the proper dose. And when the girls begin to grow pink whiskers who their sex can know?

RYLEY WILL NOT

HAVE NEWSPAPER

Ryley is to be numbered among the towns of the province without a newspaper. The Ryley Times having discontinued publication. L. H. Archer the editor has announced that although he struggled to keep it going, the plant no longer pays running expenses and it was therefore decided to close down this week rather than lose in such a business venture.

ASPIRIN

Beware of Imitations!



Unless you see the "Bayer Cross" on package or on tablets you are not getting the genuine Bayer Aspirin proved safe by millions and prescribed by physicians over twenty-three years for Colds, Headache, Toothache, Lumbago, Neuritis, Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Pain, Fever.

Accept "Bayer's Tablets of Aspirin" only. Each unbroken package contains proven directions. Handy boxes of twelve tablets cost five cents. Drugists also sell bottles of 24 and 100. Aspirin is the trade mark (registered in Canada) of Bayer Manufacturing of Monach (headquarters of Salicylic Acid). While it is well known that Aspirin means Bayer manufacture, to assist the public against imitations, the Tablets of Bayer Company will be stamped with their general trade mark, the "Bayer Cross."

WORLD HAPPENINGS BRIEFLY TOLD

R. J. Fleming was elected president of the Toronto Railway Company, to replace Sir Wm. Mackenzie.

The French Government has decided to open a campaign against the slow but steady increase in the cost of living.

The public consistory for the formal elevation of Cardinals Evariste Lucidi and Aurelio Galli, who were created at a secret consistory, was held in the Vatican.

On her first trip to St. John, the big C.P.R. steamer Mont Laurier, formerly the Empress of India, landed 866 passengers. Of these 702 were non-Canadian settlers, 200 of whom were from Finland.

Creation of a division of scientific research in the dairy and cold storage branch, to be headed by Dr. E. C. Hood, late of McDonald College, has been announced by the minister of agriculture.

A standard of living for the unemployed such as is laid down in the Canadian Labor Gazette was demanded by the provincial board of the Independent Labor party, in a resolution passed in Winnipeg.

Explaining that his "public duties would not permit of his coming to the United States at this time, General Snuts" said he had long looked forward to such a visit, whenever his official work would permit.

Negotiations with Great Britain for a special liquor treaty have progressed another stage with the transmission to London of United States suggestions to the British consular draft of the original United States proposal.

The Australian Government has instructed the Commonwealth High Commissioner in London to warn shippers of the forthcoming prohibition on the importation of cattle, sheep, swine and goats from Great Britain in view of the presence of foot and mouth diseases in England.

A child born today has the prospect of 12 more years of life than had one born 25 years ago, said Sir William Wheeler, president of the Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland, in an address to the students. Medicine and surgery, he asserted, have made greater advances during the 25 preceding centuries.

The Time You Save. The time that you save, like the money that you save, is useful only if you know how to spend it.

Germany's mercantile fleet has increased from 500,000 tons in June, 1922, to 2,500,000 gross tons today.

Belgian Congo has coal deposits of more than 1,000,000,000 tons.

When money talks it is always sure of an appreciative audience.

The Woman Voters

Votes of Women Do Not Differ Essentially From That of Men

Always when votes are counted it is found that the vote of women does not differ essentially from that of men. This does not mean that the women vote as the men do. It means that all members of the family vote together in the same fashion, that all the male members voted together. In practice, the family is the political unit. Whether the husband has the vote or the wife has it, or both have it, the result is the same, except that with women suffrage the family with women in it has greater political power than it had when only the male members could vote—Vancouver Province.

Immigration Prospects Good

Two Reasons Why There Should Be Flow of Immigration From Great Britain Next Season

The next season, it is expected, will see a greater flow of British emigration to Canada than at any time since before the war. This effect will have two causes. One of the exhaustion until July of the British quota permitted under the United States three per cent. immigration law. The other is the decision of the Canadian Government, announced at the Economic Conference, to further assist British emigration to the Dominion.

Pain In the Muscles, Stiffness In Joints, Quickly Subdued By Nerviline

Those who have tested out numerous liniments will agree that where something is needed to dislodge a deep-seated, more or less chronic condition, there is nothing to compare with Nerviline. It is because Nerviline penetrates so deeply, because it has about five times the strength of the ordinary liniment, that it has come to be known as King over all Pain. For Rheumatic conditions, muscular and joint stiffness, Nerviline works wonders. A trial proves this. Get 25 cent bottle from your dealer today.

For Empire Exhibition

Alberta Prize-Winning Grain Goes to London

The world beating Alberta grain which took topmost honors at the Chicago show will be displayed at the British Empire Exhibition in London. Arrangements are being made for the exhibit to be sent forward as part of the seed grain display from Canada while it is also proposed to place the exhibition on display at the provincial seed fair in Edmonton.

It is proposed to make the exhibit in London an industrial rather than a decorative one and commercial prospects will be kept largely in mind in order to secure increased trade for the Dominion—Edmonton Bulletin.

Mother! Give Sick Baby "California Fig Syrup"

Harmless Laxative to Clean Liver and Bowels of Infant or Child

Even constipated babies, feverish, or sick, colic babies and children love to take the tender "California Fig Syrup." No other laxative regulates the tender little bowels so nicely. It cleanses the stomach and starts the liver and bowels acting without griping. Contains no narcotics or soothing drugs. Say "California" to your druggist and avoid counterfeiters! Insist upon genuine "California Fig Syrup" which contains directions.

New Avenue of Employment

Demand Now for British Workmen in Continental Europe

Referring to the Franco-British agreement for the employing of British workers in France, the publication L'Auto says that only some 120 British workmen are at present employed in French works, and these are almost entirely in the motor car industry. The paper adds that they evidently have given satisfaction, since French firms are now ready to take further contingents. One firm is prepared to employ 200 men.

A firm of motor car builders in Antwerp is requesting 50 British experts, and it has already left England to accept the positions offered.

Cat-Tails Have Many Uses

From the cat-tails found in almost every swamp, scientists have succeeded in making both food and cloth. Roots of the weed produce starch and sugar, the pollen has been used as a flour to make bread, the brown spikes make an excellent substitute for silk, and the fluffy down is valuable for stuffing pillows. The plant was first discovered by the Iroquois Indians and, during the Great War, it was extensively used throughout Central Europe.

Ask for Minard's and take no other

Railways Have Big Payroll

More Employees Means Big Increases In Wages Paid

From present indications the railways will pay to their employees in Canada alone this year \$18,000,000 more in wages and salaries than they did in 1922. This is something more than a mere guess; it is based on figures issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics for the first nine months of 1923.

The railways have been employing more men than in 1922, this being due to the general increase in traffic, especially to the big grain crops in the west. In September, indeed, when the crop movement was not as heavy as in the same month last year, the employees numbered 177,122, as compared with 172,676. So, while not as many during 1923, there was a heavy general movement of all merchant ships.

In September the payroll was \$31,125,216, or \$799,221 over that for September, 1922. For the nine months it was \$180,291,522, as compared with \$166,561,582 for the same period last year. More grain was moved during November this year than was the case in 1922, which means that undoubtedly more men were employed and more wages paid. The latter is certain anyway, for more freight and passenger cars are being handled in the east.

A London Fog

Weight Is Figured Out At Six Tons Per Square Mile

Fog in London is always more or less dread and almost every dweller in the big city has interesting fog stories to tell. A city fog is a more or less solid and tangible thing as was proved by means of a large exposure of glass in New Gardens. Just before a thick fog settled down the authorities were modeled to weigh it with some approach to accuracy. After the fog had dispersed the glass was carefully cleaned again, all the deposits—mainly carbon and sulphuric acid—left behind by the dirt-impregnated clouds being preserved. The weight of this fog was figured out as six tons per square mile which was quite light compared with some of the fogs experienced. The worst fog he low. The effect of a fog that remains in the upper air, no matter how dense it may be, is simply that of an ordinary night. By descending the fog not only blinds, but injures the lungs with the poisonous matters suspended in it.

Prominent Journalist Dies

Frank Cobb, Veteran Editor of New York World Is Dead

Frank Cobb, veteran newspaperman, editor of the New York World, died recently at his home in New York after an illness of six months.

A leader of liberal journalism in New York for many years, Frank Cobb was the champion of an editorial campaign waged on behalf of the League of Nations. He was a close personal friend of former President Wilson.

Even after illness caused his confinement to bed, he continued to dictate editorials in favor of wide participation by the United States in world affairs.

He was a scholar, a linguist, a philosopher, a scientist, a traveler—a remarkable combination of human ability. He knew political economy and was a historian. Above all, he was a leader of liberal progress in the English-speaking world.

Our Pulpwood Resources

Investigation Shows that Our Supply Is Rapidly Diminishing

The Canadian Pulp and Paper Association has issued an exhaustive statement concerning Canada's pulpwood resources, which deserves the most serious consideration of the Dominion and provincial governments. While the statement was primarily designed to assist the royal commission now investigating the matter of an embargo on the export of raw pulpwood to the United States, it goes very fully also into the more general problem of the conservation of our pulpwood supply which is rapidly diminishing. The association deserves high credit for the pains taken to obtain accurate information and for the effective manner in which it is presented in this statement—The Winnipeg Tribune.

Hubby Knows

"Could you spare the time for an hour's talk?"

"Certainly. My wife has just told me she'll be ready in a minute—Exchange.

During the last year the United States bureau of standards tested 6,700 precision weights, the largest number ever tested in any one year.

Belgian Congo has coal deposits of more than 1,000,000,000 tons.

When money talks it is always sure of an appreciative audience.

WHEN YOUR THROAT IS SORE



It may be only a slight cold now—but a tickling in the throat.

But little colds soon grow large and dangerous. Often they become chronic, develop catarrh and end in consumption.

Catarhazone is the remedy. It draws inflammation and soreness out of the throat. Relieves the cough, cuts out the phlegm, makes breathing easy, kills any germs lodged in the mucous lining of the throat or lungs.

By using CATARRHAZONE INHALEER now and again you keep the passages free from germs and thereby prevent coughs and colds. Get the Dollar outfit. It lasts you more than a year; sold by druggists. Refuse a substitute for CATARRHAZONE. By mail from The Catarhazone Co., Montreal.

The Drug Evil

Less Narcotic Drugs Enter Canada During Past Year

A decrease in the quantity of narcotic drugs which entered Canada during the 12 months which ended with November, in comparison with the preceding corresponding period, is shown in a report made public by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

During the period under review, 1,782 ounces of cocaine were imported, as against 2,516 ounces for the same time in 1922. Morphine also shows a decline, 9,259 ounces reaching Canada in 1923 as compared with 10,609 in the previous 12 months. The quantity of opium imported during the period dealt with by the report was 2,160 ounces, as compared with 1,153 ounces for the 12 months ending with November, 1922.

Figures indicating the quantity of cocaine imported into Canada are not given, but it is shown that 214,000 worth came into the country during the 12 months which ended with November, 1923, as compared with \$10,000 in the previous period.

CHILDHOOD AILMENTS

"The ailments of childhood—constipation, indigestion, colds, etc.—can be quickly banished through the use of Baby's Own Tablets. They are a mild but thorough laxative which instantly regulate the bowels and sweeten the stomach. They are guaranteed to contain no harmful drugs and can be given to the youngest baby with perfect safety. Concerning Mrs. Aldice Leppard, St. Bonny, writes: "Baby's Own Tablets were of great help to my baby. They regulated her bowels and stomach and made her plump and well." The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25c a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

How Interest Accumulates

Legacy of One Hundred Dollars Reaches Large Sum in a Century

The town of Goshen, Mass., has just benefited to the extent of \$15,356 from an odd will drawn up by John Janney over one hundred years ago. He acted as moderator at the first town meeting in 1753. He then drew up a will, probated shortly after his death in 1804, reading: "I give to the town of Goshen the sum of \$100, the fund to remain untouched for 100 years after my decease, the amount to be used for the support of the Congregational minister and for public building." In 1907 the Selectmen of Goshen found the \$100, with interest compounded, had become \$15,356. They have now built a handsome public library for \$10,556 and appropriated the balance, \$4,800, for the Congregational Church of Goshen.

Prophets and Profiteers

The difference between a prophet and a profiteer is that the one is not without honor save in his own country, and the other is without honor in his own country and everywhere else—Boston Transcript.

There are many dirty roads to be crossed in life, but with a little patience you will always be able to find a clean crossing.

Mechanical devices issue a quarter of a million tickets daily on the London Underground Railway.

Lloyd George's Retort

Recalls the Days When Conservatives Were Glad to Have Him in Office

I was shown a poster which evidently had been issued by the Conservative central office. It represented me as a mere vain talker who has accomplished nothing. There is no reply from which that taunt comes with such ill-favor as from the Tory party.

Were they of that opinion in 1914 and 1918? My recollection is they were rather glad to have this vain talker in charge of state affairs in those days. When British finance was in a state of panic and arrangements had to be made to save it from disaster, when shells and rifles, machine guns and cannon had to be forged and great organizations had to be improvised for turning them out at the shortest notice to support our gallant men in the field, the vain talker had his uses.

When Germany had broken up three of our Allies and was on the point of breaking up a fourth, when the German submarines were sinking our ships by millions of tons, the Tory party was frightened, so frightened that they shirked office and begged this vain talker to take charge and do his best to pull the country through. When there was great unrest in this country after the war in 1919-20, and there were menacing strikes and movements, they were glad to get him.

I recollect another poster in which I figured in 1918, also issued by the Conservatives. It was a more flattering portrait of myself than the present one. It was issued in the interests of the Conservative candidates with the words: "Support the man who brought victory."

I can show you one still sticking to an old brick wall in a constituency in the home counties, where it was fixed during the election of 1918. It was only when they thought their troubles were over, troubles in Europe and troubles in Ireland, and that trade was beginning to pick up that they suddenly discovered I was a vain talker, and that the time had come for them to have a change—From a Speech at Criccieth, Wales.

No Sunday Clothes

The average man in the United States no longer has a "Sunday suit of clothes," but he owns an auto or is buying one on the installment plan, according to a nation-wide survey made by the National Association of Retail Clothiers.

Oil Analysis 66.3 Per Cent.

Oil from the British-American well at Wainwright, when the water was eliminated, contained 66.3 per cent. of lubricant, according to analysis of a sample made by J. Fowler, of the Technical Institute, Calgary.

Unless worms be expelled from the system, no child can be healthy. Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator is an excellent medicine to destroy worms.

Alberta to India

This (announces a correspondent) is the exact wording of a letter received by a storekeeper in a small town in Alberta. The friend who sent it averred that the writer, owner of a remote quarter-section, was Irish. "For Heavens sake send me a 3 pun a sample mail. Our storekeeper here won a place in a turtle race some years back and bin shortwinded since."—Times of India.

Ask For Increase

A return to 1921 rates, involving an increase for 12,000 men employed by the Canadian National Railway, is being asked for by the Canadian Brotherhood of Railroad Employees.

In the case of human beings, the distinction between sheep and goats is not very sharp. When a man finds that he is the goat, he usually looks sheepish.—Asheville Times.

A man is willing to be pushed to the front, but he doesn't want to be shoved.

We never realize how much nerve we possess until we have occasion to occupy a dentist's chair.

More than half the men in Newfoundland are engaged in the fishing industry.

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Getting to Know Each Other

Removing Prejudices Through Getting Better Acquainted

A pleasant play now running in London shows us an American and an Englishman, who, coming together bristling with prejudice, learn by the simple process of knowing each other to be the best of friends. Perhaps it is only on the stage and in proverb that to know everything is to forgive everything. We cannot be sure that, as a prescription for peace and good-will between individuals, it is invariably efficacious. But there is little doubt that if nations knew one another better the world would be the happier.—London Daily Telegraph.

Worms, however generated, are found in the digestive tracts, where they set up disturbances detrimental to the health of the child. There can be no comfort for the little ones until the hurtful intruders have been expelled. An excellent preparation for this purpose can be had in Miller's Worm Powders. They will immediately destroy the worms and correct the conditions that were favorable to their existence.

Plenty of Water

The amount of water within the crust of the earth is enormous, amounting to 565,000,000,000 cubic yards. This vast accumulation, if placed upon the earth, would cover its entire surface to a uniform depth of from 2,500 to 35,000 feet.

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Wainwright Buffalo for New Zealand. Three buffaloes are being sent from the Buffalo Park at Wainwright to Auckland, New Zealand, where they will be placed in the Zoological Gardens in that city.

The thinnest thread visible to the human eye is so small that it would take a bundle of a thousand of them to equal the diameter of a woman's hair. These threads are made from melted quartz.

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Pay your out of town accounts by Dominion Express Money Orders. Five dollars costs three cents.

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INCREASING DEMAND FOR OIL PRODUCTS WILL BRING ON SHORTAGE IN 1924-25

The oil industry is rising up at last to point out the one fact upon which all minds must agree—that the demands made upon resources for petroleum and its products must continue to increase.

The ever-widening consumption of oil has been commented on hardly at all; the collapse of production in Mexico has been ignored.

This year will require nearly, if not quite, 8,000,000 gallons of gasoline to go through the filling stations into automobile tanks, a 20 per cent increase over last year. Next year is expected to show a greater proportionate addition to requirements. We have only just started to equip the ships of the world to burn fuel oil. Every large oil refining company has a staff of experts at work upon the domestic heating oil burner for the house furnace. The day is near at hand when the house owner will no longer shiver at the threat of a coal strike.

The demands upon the oil industry are gigantic, almost beyond comprehension. The never ending search for oil must go on, that the wheels of all industries may not slow down or cease to turn.

Right now the real question is not storage for flush production or the disposition of California's high tide of crude, though these are temporary

problems. The real question is how to meet the demands of 1924 and 1925. Investors who have gone into good, substantial, established oil shares should not be misled into selling such securities.

An estimate given, based on figures obtained from prominent oil men, that not less than \$3,000,000,000 will be expended in drilling operations between now and July 1, 1925. It is stated that this immense expenditure will be necessary in order to take care of and supply the country's ever-increasing petroleum requirements.

In a statement issued recently by H. F. Sinclair, president of the Sinclair Consolidated Oil Corporation, these observations are made.

"Consumption of crude oil for the entire country has jumped to approximately 2,000,000 barrels daily, according to the latest reports of the United States geological survey. This means that the annual rate of crude oil consumption has increased in one year 130,000,000 barrels. In spite of the heavy production in California, the actual gain in crude oil stocks for the entire country has been less than 32,000,000 barrels. This also is an authority of the United States geological survey report. Without the flush production of California, how will this tremendous production be met?"

—Montana Oil Journal

HOW THE "SHELL COMPANY" GOT ITS NAME

The following story from the editorial columns of an Eastern newspaper is of such interest to oil men that we reprint it here:

"A little boy of eight comes to a wide beach with his mother. He is a poor little boy. He has few toys. He lived only in a city street. Here for the first time, he sees the sea—and the sandy beach—and the shells. Above all else shells. He is fascinated with the shells—the pretty pearly shells—scattered freely on the sand. He shouts. He gathers his hands full. He brings them to his mother. He fills his pockets. He brings them home. They were the one possession that glorified and enriched his childhood—those shells.

"That boy grows to be one of the ablest men in England. He becomes

Lord Mayor of London. He creates a great company with assets of \$170,000,000. And he calls it the Shell Company because he can never forget that day at the beach. Such is the story of Marcus Samuels—Lord Reesdell."

SINCLAIR DECLARES DID NOT RUN AWAY; A. B. FALL RETURNS

Probe Into Oil Lease Scandal Is Continued at Washington

Plymouth, England, Jan. 23.—On his arrival here yesterday from New York on board the steamer Paris, F. H. Sinclair, the United States oil producer, emphatically declared that he had not left the United States to avoid being called upon by the senate committee investigating the lease of the Teapot Dome oil region. He was prepared to testify before the senate committee on his return.

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Here and There

Quebec city is again becoming the Mecca of winter-loving tourists. Arrangements for the forthcoming carnival are nearing completion and sports of all kinds, including toboggan sliding on the four-track chute on Dufferin Terrace, are in full swing.

The mild weather prevailing in Quebec until recently greatly hindered lumbering operations in the province. This situation, according to Mr. Fliche, Chief Forester, has been adjusted, however, by late falls of snow, and the total cut has been brought up to normal.

There are 300 ports and harbors on the coasts of Canada. The majority are, of course, small affairs, the big ports not exceeding six. However, one of Canada's ports, Montreal, ranks sixth among the world's ports and third on the basis of export business done during the seven months in which it is open.

Newspaper production in Canada for the eleven months of 1922 ending in November was 1,166,225 tons, as compared with 993,988 tons for the same period in 1922, the increase being equal to 17 per cent. The estimated production for the year is 1,270,000 tons, or 189,000 tons over that for 1922.

The value of Canada's 1923 grain crop is estimated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at \$92,372,300. Of this total approximately \$450,000 is credited to the three prairie provinces. It is interesting to note that while the figures for Manitoba and Saskatchewan are below those of the year 1922, those of Alberta are above by over \$45,000,000.

Grain marketed along the Canadian Pacific Railway in 1923 totalled 187,642,224 bushels, an increase of 33,324,619 bushels over any similar period in the railway's history. The increase in bushels shipped was 13,086,730, or 9.2 per cent over 1922, and 83.1 per cent of the total amount marketed had been shipped by December 31st.

Government statistics estimate the apple crop of Canada for 1923 at 10,794,500 boxes, which, at an estimated average of \$2 a box, makes the value a little over \$21,000,000. By provinces the estimated production was as follows: Nova Scotia, 8,250,000 boxes; British Columbia, 3,124,000; Ontario, 2,275,000; Quebec, 110,000; and New Brunswick, 35,500.

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